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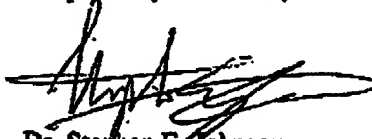
This is in response to the Office Action in the above identified application dated June 24, 2003. The response is filed on behalf of the Applicants under 37 C. F. R. §1.34. Claims 1-24 are currently pending in the application. Claims 4, 5, 10, 15 and 22 have been canceled. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider claims 1-3, 6-9 and 11-14, 16-21 and 24 of the above identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks on their merits and to pass the above mentioned claims to allowance at this time.

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If the Examiner finds that there are some remaining issues to be resolved, Applicants would appreciate the Examiner to grant them a discussion or another interview pursuant to 37 C. F. R. §1.133, to clarify any remaining issues and to place the Application in better condition for allowance. Please charge any fees associated with this response to Deposit Account No. 18-1850. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned to discuss any issues related to this application by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,



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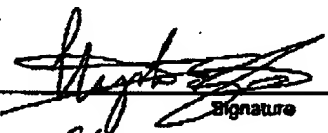
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